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Capt. Geo. Comer —

To Hudsons Bay —

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Journal of Schr. Era which sailed from New Bedford. June 29th on a whaling and trading voyage to Hudson Bay, with a crew of 21 men all told.

4 bbls Beef.

Got under weigh at 10 A.M. and towed to Vineyard Sound light-ship At 3 P.M. tug left us. We then made all sail, and stood on our way, with a light breeze from S.E.

Chose boats crews and set the watches for the night.

At 10 P.M. beginning to rain.

June 30th.

Comes in with rain, and a fresh breeze from S.E.

1 Bbl. Pork.

Increasing in force in middle part and weather clearing

At 5 P.M. passed a steamer steering to Westward, later on saw 2 more steamers.

Latter Part wind hauling to N.

July 1st.

Light variable winds, steering E. by S. when possible.

Put a new tie of Fore-top-sail yard and straightened out the deck generaly.

Struck a porpoise to-day.

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On Passage to Hudson Bay

July 2nd.

Comes in with a light breeze from S.W. hauling in middle part to N. Schr. under all sail steering to E. by S. A steamer passed us steering to the Westward.

July 3rd.

Light variable winds and calms steering E. by N. when possible
Water, Employed at work on rigging and boats. Saw 3 steamers steering to the Westward.
Opened slop. cask to-day.

July 4th

Comes in with a fresh breeze from N.E. and clear weather. Saw a steamer bound to Eastward

Lat. 40.. 04. N.
Long. 62.. 49. W.

July 5th.

A light breeze from N.E. in first part, hauling in latter part to S.E. Steering E. N.E. when possible. Employed at work in rigging.

Lat. 40.. 50. N.
Long. 62.. 34. W.

July 6th.

Moderate breeze from S.E. with clear weather Schr. under all sail steering E. N. E.
Saw 2 Steamers to-day.

Lat. 41.. 55. N.
Long. 60.. 57. W.

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July 7th.

Comes in with light air from S. E. in the middle part breezing up and hauling to S. W. Employed in rigging and scraping fore boom and gaff, and painted same. also painted top of rail, Steering E. by N ½ N.

Lat. 42 .. 25 N.
Long 59 .. 57 W.

July 8th.

Comes in with light weather, clear and a little air from the S. W. Employed building a crow-nest. At 4. P.M. set in thick.
Steering E by N. ½. N. and East.

Lat 43 .. 17. N.
Long 58 .. 45. W.

July 9th.

A fresh breeze from S. W. in the first part hauling to N. W. in latter part. At 2 P.M. a steamer passed us steering to the Westward. and at 5 P.M. saw a bark, steering the same way.
At sunset the Schr. steering E. by N.

Lat 44 .. 34. N.
Long 55 .. 46. W.

July 10th.

A fine breeze to-day from the N W. Saw several vessels and 2 steamers. Finished our crow-nest to day. All sail out and steering E. N. E.

Lat. 45 .. 58 N.
Long. 53 .. 27

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On passage to Hudson Bay.

July 11th.

Comes in with a light N W wind at 1 A.M. raised the light on Cape Race New Foundland. in the middle part a fresh breeze from N.W. at 7 P.M. hove-to off the harbor of St. Johns a tug came off to us, we sent letters ashore and at 7-30 squared away again for Hudson Bay. Saw our first iceberg to-day off the harbor of St John.

St Johns

July 12th.

Calm in the morning, but breezing up at 7 A.M. with heavy showers the rest of the day. steering N.E. At 8 P.M. Calm.

Saw a few small bergs to-day.

Water

July 13th.

Comes in with a moderate breeze from N.E. with considerable fog Latter part calm.

Saw a few bergs to-day.

Lat. 49.03.N.
Long. 51.03. W.

July 14th.

Comes in with a light breeze from S.E. Middle part wind from same quarter but freshening Employed tarring down Main rigging and finished. also finished rattling the Fore rigging.

Latter part light showers.

Lat. 49.43.N.
Long. 50.56.W.

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July 15th.

A thick fog all day clearing at sunset Moderate breeze from S.W. Steering N.E. by E 1/2 E.
A vessel in sight to windward
Lat 52..01. N.
Long 51..08. W.

July 16th.

Another very foggy day. Moderate breeze from S.W and W.
saw several large bergs.
Steering N. N. E. Lat. 53..45. N
Long 51..32. W.

July 17th.

Comes in with a thick fog and a fresh breeze from N.W. At 4 P.M. weather clearing, and got a sight
Lat 55..47 N.
Long. 51..11 W.

July 18th

Cloudy weather with fog squalls and the wind N.W. the vessel on Port tack until 7 P.M. then tacked and stood to the Westward.

July 19th

A strong breeze in the morning from N.W. with clear weather Employed bending boat-sails and also scraped the Main boom Latter part wind hauling to East. but very light with fog. Steering North.
Lat 56..42. N.
Long 51..42. W.

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On the passage to Hudson Bay

July 20th

A light breeze in the morning from N.W. increasing in middle part.
broke out water and slops to-day
Latter part strong breeze with rain
Steering N.

Lat. 57.. 23. N.
Long. 52.. 53. W.

Water 1 bbl 4 hours Slope

July 21st

A strong breeze from N.W.
the vessel on alternate tacks working to the N.W.

Lat. 58.. 24 N
Long. 55.. 35. W.

July 22nd.

A strong breeze with a heavy swell from the N.W.
Employed making a new block for the Fore sheet.

Lat. 59.. 26. N.
Long. 54.. 44. W.

July 23rd

Light airs and calms all day raining in the afternoon
Steering N.N.W. when possible

Lat 60.. 04. N.
Long. 55.. 20. W.

July 24th

Fresh breeze from N.E. with light rain squalls.
Steering N.N.W.

Lat 60-26. N.
Long. 57-31. W.

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July 25th.

We have had a calm nearly all day. but breezing up a little in the afternoon from N. W Saw a couple of bergs to-night

Lat. 60-44. N

Long. 60-14. W.

Light wind in the morning from the North breezing up at Noon from the Westward. saw several icebergs to-day

Lat. 60-56. N.

Long. 61-52. W.

July 27th.

A strong breeze in the first part from W.N.W. Saw quite a lot of ice and also, saw Button Islands about 40 miles to the Westward of us.
Latter part wind hauling a little more to the South. the vessel on the port tack trying to work up to Cape Best.

Lat. 61.10 N.

Long. 63.10 W.

July 28th.

A light breeze from S.W. we arrived off Resolution Island at 7 A.M. and entered Hudson Straits there is very little ice only a few "bergs.
Employed sending up crossnest and cutting pennants. Latter part. calm.

July 29th

Light airs and calms. steering through the straits when possible.
Employed coiling lines, and getting the boats ready.

Working through Hudson Straits.

July 30th

A very fine day with a moderate breeze from the Eastward.
At 2 A.M. 3 boats loaded with natives came on board, when off Middle Savage Islands, we traded with them and at 7 A.M. kept on our course again for Hudson Bay. at 7 P.M. the Upper Savagage Island in sight distant about 25 miles.

July 31st.

A strong breeze from S.S.W.
At 7 A.M. raised the ice and went into it. steering through the ice all day. At 5 P.M. wind hauling to N.W. and raining heavily. at midnight light air and thick fog so tied the vessel up to a piece of ice for the night

Aug 1st.

A light air in the morning so at 9 A.M. we let go from the ice to which we were fastened and stood on our way again working through the ice. before doing so we filled up our water butt with water from off the ice.
At 7 P.M. got out of the ice into clear water. Charles Island bearing South. distant 10 miles.

Aug. 2nd.

Fresh breeze and much rain from S.E. in the morning trying to go around the ice, a few miles to Westward of Charles Island. At 12 M. hove-to and laid aback the rest of the day waiting for clear weather.

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Aug 3rd.

A moderate breeze from S.W.
Working tack and tack about
10 miles off shore near Cape
Wolstenholm. to get by the ice
Busy all day at work in rigging

Aug 4.

Strong breeze in the first part
from Westward
At 10 A.M. raised Nottingham Isl.
and tacked away from it, weather
foggy. Latter part wind moderating
but from the same quater.

Aug. 5th

Moderate breeze from Westward
with partly clear weather.
The vessel working tack and tack
to windward.
At 6 P.M. Digges Isl. bearing S.E.
distant about 15 miles.

Aug 6th

A Leight breeze in first part with
fog and rain. from N.W.
Middle part light breeze from
S.E. at Noon Bell Island N.W.
about 10 miles
Latter part thick fog. steering West

Aug 7th.

A moderate breeze from S.E.
under all sail steering along the
South shore of Coats Island,
Latter part thick fog

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Aug 8th.

Coats Island.

Commes in with fog, and a light breeze from S.W.
At Noon passed by the West end of Coats Island, then shaped our course for Southampton Island
Middle part strong breeze and rain
Latter part calm and rain.

Aug. 9th

A calm in the morning, and breezed up at 9 A.M. from E.N.E. with much rain and fog.
At 1 P.M. made the S.W. end of Southampton Island and saw along the shore but so thick could not see very far. at 3 P.M kept off for Whale Point.

Aug 10th.

Whale Point.

Commes in with a moderate breeze from Eastward. At 9 A.M. made the land about 20 miles to the Westward of Whale Point, and at 5 P.M. worked up to the Point, weather very light.
At 10 P.M. a boats crew of natives came on board

Aug. 11th.

Light airs from N.E. all day.
Natives aboard nearly all day.
At 6 P.M. kept off for Cape Fullerton to land our deck load.
While at whale Point we got from our Natives 2 heads of whale-bone.

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Aug 12th.

Very light weather all day.
Arrived off Cape Fullerton at Noon. and took our boats, and towed our vessel into harbor and anchored at 3 P.M. We then put all of the lumber ashore.

Aug. 13th.

At anchor at Cape Fullerton discharging provisions.
Fine weather. light S. W. wind.

Aug 14th.

Anchored at Cape Fullerton.
Employed breaking out the hold and putting provisions and coal ashore

Aug. 15th.

Light variable winds. Still at anchor.

Aug 16th.

Still at anchor have finished landing provisions and coal. to-day. and are busy setting up shooks.

Aug. 17th.

Fine weather Employed stowing off the hold

Aug. 18th.

Finished stowing the hold and got the vessel ready for sea.

Aug. 19th.

Got under weigh at 3-30 A.M. and went to sea. but the wind being ahead and weather bad. at 5 P.M. went back and anchored at Cape Fullerton.

Quoted
Cask Beef 4 bbls
1 Bbl Pork.

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In Hudson Bay.

Aug. 20th.

At 5 A.M. took our anchor and went to sea. At 2 P.M. raised a Bowhead going quick to windward. and we did not lower as there was no chance latter part blowing strong from North.
A boats crew of Natives came on board and could not get ashore, at sunset.

Aug. 21st.

Comes in with a strong breeze from N.E. at Noon moderating and the Natives went ashore we got a few Musk-ox. and Bear skins from them, while on board
Latter part wind light from S.W. and we heading up the Welcome.

Aug. 22nd.

A very fine day moderate breeze from S.W. Cruising just South of Wager River. have seen nothing to-day

Aug 23rd.

A fresh breeze from the South
At 7 P.M. raised a Bowhead close in shore. lowered 2 boats and gave chase the Starboard boat struck, but it being a poor chance, and the whale deep under water the iron did not hold. we cruised around until dark then came on board

Molasses, Forecastle.

Aug. 24th

A strong breeze from the South have been cruising off and on the land all day, but have seen nothing. A boats crew of natives came on board and staid a short time, on their way down the coast.

Aug. 25th.

Blowing a moderate gale from South the vessel under all possible sail trying to hold on

At 8 A.M. carried away the lower block to Fore-sail halyards also split block on Peak halyards and damaged Gaff

Latter part much rain.

Aug 26th.

Blowing and raining hard all day

Latter part wind light from S.E.

Aug. 27th.

Quite a fair day moderate breeze from N.E.

Employed repairing Fore gaff which got damaged. (25th)

Latter Part, strong N.E. wind and raining, Whale Point 8 miles S.W.

Aug 28th.

Moderate breeze from Eastward and rainy nearly all day.

Have seen nothing to-day.

Aug. 29th

A moderate breeze from N.E.

At 11 A.M. saw a small Bowhead lowered 2 boats, but the whale going quick there was no chance to strike

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Aug. 30th.

A strong breeze with rain squalls from the N.E.
A boats crew of Natives came on board last night, but it was so rough they could not get ashore, so are on board to-day.

Aug 31st.

Flour 7½ bbls.

A moderate breeze from N.E. the Natives went ashore this morning. Employed breaking out provisions.

Sept. 1st.

A light breeze in first part from N.E.
Our Natives came on board to-day getting ready to go deer-hunting.
At dark weather calm, and a Schr. in sight about 12 miles to the Westward.

Sept. 2nd.

Schr. Francis Allen.

A light breeze in the morning from S.W. At 6 A.M. a boat went on board of Schr. Francis Allen and took the mail, and other stuff sent to us from N. Bedford. came on board at 8 A.M. and stood to the Northward, At 11 A.M. Schr Francis Allen lowered for a Bowhead, but without success. Saw her again at dark steering for Repulse Bay. with a strong S.W. wind.

Sept. 3rd.

Comes in with thick weather, and fresh breeze from S.W. Hauling in Middle part to N.E. at sunset ran off and then hove ~~too~~ under the lee off Whale Point, very strong breeze.

Sept. 4th

M Comes in with a strong breeze from W. At 8 A.M. raised a Bowhead. lowered 2 boats, but without success. Latter part still a strong breeze.

Sept 5th.

A strong breeze from N.W.

M At 5 P.M lowered for a Bowhead going quick to windward, but could not catch up to him before dark.

Sept 6th.

M A strong N.W. wind at 9 A.M. raised a Bowhead to windward but so rough we did not lower.

Sept. 7th

Light variable winds, all day. Cruising off Whale Point, saw nothing to-day.

Sept 8th

A fine day, with a light S.W. wind Ran up the coast from Yellow Bluff to Wager River but saw nothing.

Sept 9th

A strong S.E. wind with frequent snow squalls

Ran down from Wager River to Whale Point,

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Sept 10th.

Comes in with a strong breeze from North with snow squalls.
At 4 A.M. kept off and ran down to Cape Fullerton, but weather looking better did not go in. kept back again for Whale Point at 4 P.M. raised a Bowhead, lowered 2 boats Starboard boat capsized, so gave up the chase.

Sept 11th.

Comes in with a light breeze from S.W.
At 9 A.M raised a Bowhead lowered 2 boats, but thick weather setting in we lost sun of the whale.
At 4.30 P.M. spoke Bk A.R. Tucker
At sunset blowing strong, and raining.

Bk. A. R. Tucker

Sept. 12th.

Blowing a gale from N.E.
Kept off at 10 A.M. and ran into Cape Fullerton, and anchored in company with Bk A.R. Tucker, Capt Nichols being below with sore eyes. the Bk, being in charge of Mr. Hayden. we anchored at 1-30 P.M.

Sept. 13th

Blowing strong from S.S.W.
At anchor, at Cape Fullerton.

Sept. 14th.

Blowing strong from N.E. with snow-squalls. Still at anchor.

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Sept. 15th.

Still blowing from N. E.
Lying at anchor, with both anchors down.

Sept. 16th.

Blowing strong from N. W
Still at anchor.
Got a cask of water from shore.

Sept. 17th.

Moderate N. E. wind with a snow-storm
Still at anchor.

Sept. 18th.

Clear, but quite cold. (°22 above zero)
Light breeze from N. W.

Sept. 19th

Comes in with a moderate breeze from N. W. At daylight have short on our chain and got already to go out but wind shifting to N. E. we slacked out again and furled the sails

Sept. 20th.

Comes in with a strong breeze from S. E. Latter part blowing strong. let go second anchor.

Sept 21st.

Blowing strong from S. E. with snow and rain.

Sept 22nd.

Blowing from Eastward, with thick fog. Still at anchor.

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In Hudson Bay.

Sept. 23rd.

Comes with a moderate breeze from N.E.
At sunset hauling to North,
Took up our small anchor

Sept. 24th

Light variable winds with frequent snow-squalls.

Sept 25th

A strong breeze from Eastward.

Sept 26.

Light variable winds

Sept. 27th

Comes in with a strong S.E. wind with frequent snow-squalls.
At 11 A.M. let go second anchor.
Sent down crow-nest and F.T.G. yard.

Sept. 28.

Moderate breeze from N.W.
Clear and cold.

Sept. 29th

A light breeze from N.W.
Clear and cold.

Sept. 30th

Light variable winds
Stowing off the hold for winter

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Oct 1st.
Commences in with a fresh breeze from W.S.W. Latter part rain

Oct 2nd.
In the first part strong breeze from South with fog and rain Latter part wind hauling to N.E. blowing strong, with thick weather.

Oct. 3rd.
Blowing a moderate gale from S.E. with snow.

Oct. 4th.
Blowing strong from Eastward with lots of snow.

Oct. 5th.
Clear, and cold, moderate breeze from N.E.

Oct. 6th
Clear and cold. moderate N.E wind

Oct. 7th
Commences in with a light breeze from N.E. At 8 A.M. took the anchor and tried to work in behind the islands but, wind coming ahead, dropped anchor again at 9 A.M.
In afternoon employed getting our lumber from shore to build the house ~~of~~ over the vessel.

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In winter quarters

Oct. 8th

Blowing fresh from Eastward
Let go second anchor

Oct 9th

Blowing a heavy gale from N. E. with snow both anchors down, with 90 fathoms chain out.
At dark moderating.

Oct 10th.

Moderate N. E wind At 8 A M. hove up small anchor.
Employed to-day building the house over the vessel.

Oct. 11th

Light variable winds.
Employed at work on the house.

Oct. 12th.

Moderate S. E. wind, with snow squalls
Still busy building the house

Oct. 13th.

Moderate North wind and quite cold.
Stowed off the hold for winter, also working on the house

Oct 14th.

Comes in with a light N. W. wind and clear weather
All hands ashore cutting ice for winter's use.

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Oct. 15th

Comes in and ends with a moderate wind from N. W. with snow squalls All hands ashore cutting ice, and finished

Oct. 16th

A moderate N. W. wind and quite cold. still working on the house.

Oct. 17th

Blowing a moderate gale in the first part from S. E. with snow At 7 A.M. let go second anchor. at 1 P.M. took up small anchor again as weather moderating and wind hauling to Westwards.

Oct. 18th

Blowing a moderate gale from the North. At 9 A.M. let go the second anchor. Latter part growing colder.

Oct 19th

Moderate N. W wind. clear and cold Went ashore and cut ice for double windows.

Oct. 20th.

Clear and cold light wind from North. Ther. °2 above zero Took second anchor up to-day.

Oct. 21st.

Blowing strong from the Eastward At 5 P.M. let go second anchor. °8 above zero.

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In winter quarters.

Oct 22nd.

Blowing a moderate gale from the S. E. and snowing.
The bay filling up fast with broken ice.

Oct. 23rd.

A Light wind from N E. with light snow warmer.

Oct. 24th

A light Easterly wind, and a little colder. considerable young ice in the harbour. °18 above zero.
Took up our small anchor to-day.

Oct 25th

A moderate breeze from the Eastward. The harbour nearly all frozen over.
°16 Above Zero.

Oct. 26th.

Blowing strong from S. E. and snowing. The harbour filled up with young ice forced in by the wind and tide
At 1 A.M. let go second anchor.

Oct. 27th

Blowing a heavy gale from E. N. E. and snowing
Employed making dog-sleds.
°13 below zero.

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Oct. 28th.

Blowing a gale from the North. At 3 A.M. the ice at the head of the harbor let go and came down on us carrying away the stock to our Port anchor. called all hands and hove in the anchor, when the ice got by, took it in and made a new stock, then put it on the bow again.

°5 above Zero.

Oct. 29th

A strong breze from the North, and cold. The harbor nearly all frozen over. At 11 A.M. some of our Natives came on board from hunting over the ice and brought us some Deer-meat and salmon.

Latter part much colder.

°3 below Zero.

Oct. 30th.

Blowing strong from the N.W. All hands out on the ice, cutting a channel and hauling the vessel up nearer the land.

°15 below Zero.

Oct. 31st.

Blowing strong from the S.W. Employed cutting the ice and hauling the vessel ahead.

°10 below Zero.

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In winter quarters.

Nov 1st

A moderate N. W. wind, clear and cold. still cutting our way close into the land

°13 below Zero.

Nov. 2nd

Clear and cold. with a light North wind. Finished cutting through the ice. and placed the vessel for the winter, heading to the North.

°2 below Zero.

Nov. 3rd.

Clear and cold. light wind from the North.
Went ashore and brought off the first ice to melt for water

°15 below Zero

Nov. 4th.

Very fine weather clear and cold
Brought off some more ice to-day
Light N. W. wind. °10 below Zero

Nov. 5th.

Another fine day. clear and cold with a light N E wind

°8 below Zero.

Nov. 6th.

A moderate breeze from N. E. and a little warmer.

°3 below Zero.

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Nov. 7th.

Light variable winds, with cloudy weather.
To-day our Natives all came back from deer-hunting, and built their snow-houses on the land.

°6 above zero.

Nov. 8th.

A moderate breeze from the N.E. and cloudy.

°2 below zero.

Nov. 9th.

Breezing up strong from N.E.

°4 below zero.

Nov. 10th

Blowing a moderate gale from the N.E., and warmer.

°10 Above zero.

Nov. 11th.

Still blowing from N.E.

°10 Above zero.

Nov 12th.

Still blowing the same

°8 Above zero.

Nov. 13th.

Light breeze from North

°4 Above zero.

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In winter quarters.

Nov. 14th.

Light wind from N. E. with cloudy weather.

°2 below zero.

Nov. 15th

A moderate wind from N. W.

°2 Above zero.

Nov. 16th.

Light winds from N. and N. W. Hauled our boats in close to the land to-day.

°2 Above zero.

Nov. 17th.

Moderate wind from the Westward

°2 below zero.

Nov. 18th.

Light. N. W. wind

Put up double windows of ice to-day

°8 below zero.

Nov. 19th.

Light S. W. wind.

°10 below zero.

Nov. 20th.

Cloudy, with a moderate S. E. wind

Nov. 21st.

Blowing a gale from S. E. shifting to North in the latter part.

°4 Above zero.

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Nov. 22nd.

Fine weather. a light breeze from the Westward, clear and cold Employed banking up some around the vessel with snow.

Nov. 23rd.

Blowing strong from N. E.
°18 below Zero.

Nov. 24th.

Moderate breeze from the North
°22 below zero.

Nov. 25th.

Strong breeze from the West.
20 below zero.

Nov. 26th.

Light breeze from N. N. E.
Employed hauling off ice from shore, also put a line of small ~~ice~~ stones from the vessel to the shore to weaken the ice in the spring.
°10 below Zero.

Nov. 27th.

a strong breeze from the North clear and cold
23 below zero.

Nov. 28th.

Light air from the North. warmer
°8 below zero.

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Nov. 29th.

Strong wind from the North.

°14 below Zero.

Nov. 30th.

A moderate North wind

Hauled off more stones from the shore and placed on the ice

°18 below Zero.

Cask of Bread.

Dec. 1st.

A very fine day. Clear, and cold. Employed hauling off ice, and at banking up the vessel with snow

°24 below Zero.

Dec. 2nd.

Moderate wind from the N. W

°23 below Zero.

Dec. 3rd.

A fine day. light breeze from S. W. This morning we shot a wolf that had been prowling around the vessel for several days.

°27 below Zero.

Dec. 4th.

A light breeze from N. and N. W. clear and cold

°26 below Zero.

Opened a Cask of Salmon 7½ bbls.

Dec. 5th.

A very fine day clear, and cold, with a light N. W. wind

°28 below Zero

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Dec. 6th.

A light wind from N.E.
Employed making a sled
°20 below zero.

Dec. 7th.

Another very fine day. Clear, with a light air from the North
°22 below zero.

Dec. 8th.

Cloudy, with, light snow. clearing in the afternoon
Employed building a small boat for sealing °12 below zero.

Dec. 9th.

Fine weather, clear and cold. with a light breeze from the North
°22 below zero

Dec. 10th.

Another fine day. clear and cold, Still busy building a boat.
°28 below zero.

Dec. 11th.

Comes in with a snow-storm, and a strong breeze from S.E. weather clearing at 5 P.M.
Finished building our boat to-day
Ther. at °0.

Dec. 12th.

Cloudy weather with a light breeze from the North
°10 below zero.

Dec. 13th.

Cloudy weather in first with a light North wind, hauling in the latter part to N.E. and snowing. Did some banking up around the vessel. Got a barrell of whale-oil from Bk. A.R. Tucker. to-day
°20 below zero.

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Pon winter quarters

Dec. 14th.

A strong wind from N. N. E. with the snow drifting some.
At 2 P.M. one of our Natives who had been off hunting returned and brought us some deer-meat

°16 below Zero.

Dec. 15th.

Clear, and, cold, with a light wind from the N. W.

°28 below Zero.

Dec. 16th.

Another fine day. Clear and cold with a light N. W. wind

°24 below Zero.

Dec. 18th

Light wind from the S. W. clear and cold.

°26 below Zero.

Dec. 18th.

A fine day. clear and cold, with a moderatt N. E. wind.
At 3 P.M. some Natives who had been off hunting, returned, and brought us quite a lot of deer-meat

°20 below Zero.

Dec. 19th.

Blowing a moderate from the N. E. and the snow drifting some around the vessel.

°12 below Zero.

Dec. 20th.

A light breeze from the N. E.
Employed all day banking up ~~the~~ around the vessel

°5 below Zero.

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Dec 21st.

Blowing strong from the N. E all day.
Employed banking up around the vessel. Ther. at 0.

Dec. 22nd.

A strong breeze from the N. E. Employed all day. at banking up.
10 below Zero.

Dec. 23rd.

A very fine day. Light N. E. wind. Employed all day banking up, and finished
10 below Zero.

Dec. 24th.

Another fine day, with a light N. W wind. This evening had a small boat fixed up and made presents then the evening ended with a concert which was well attended by both vessels crews.
12 below Zero.

Dec. 25th.

Still fine weather, light Westerly winds, All hands out on the ice playing base-ball and football
2 Above Zero.

Dec. 26th.

Still another fine day, with a light N. W. wind.
12 below Zero.

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Dec. 27th.
Fine weather, clear and cold. a light air from the N. W
Natives busy all day building snow-houses close to the vessel.
°14 below Zero.

Dec. 28th.
A fresh breeze from the South, and snowing nearly all day.
Ther. at Zero.

Dec. 29th
Clear, and cold, with a strong breeze from the N. W.
°20 below Zero.

Dec. 30th
Clear and cold, a moderate breeze from N. W.
The natives moved off on the ice to-day.
°23 below Zero.

Dec. 31st.
Comes in with a fresh breeze from S. W. and a light snow.
Hauling to the Westward and clearing in afternoon.
The Natives went off to the floe to-day for the first time and shot 5 seals.
At night held a dance on board the Schooner.
°10 below Zero.

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Jan 1st.

Comes in with a light breeze from the N.W. clear, and cold. Employed breaking out provisions and coal

°26 below zero.

Jan 2nd.

Blowing strong from the North with the snow drifting some around the vessel.
Latter part calm

°23 below zero

Jan. 3rd.

A very fine day. Light air from Westward, and clear.

°28 below zero

Jan 4th.

Blowing strong all day from S.E. The Natives went off to day, and shot a Walrus.

°5 below zero.

Jan. 5th.

Fine weather with a light wind from the S.E.

°5 below zero.

Jan. 6th.

Fine weather, with a light wind from the Eastward

°18 below zero.

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Jan. 7th.

Fine weather, with a moderate breeze from N. E.
A partial eclipse of the moon, at 5-52 P.M. was visible here at Cape Fullerton this evening

12 below Zero.

Jan. 8th.

Fine weather with a light N. E. wind. clear and cold.
Finished making a sled to-day for the Natives

20 below Zero.

Jan. 9th.

Quite a fresh breeze all day from the N. N. E. Clear and cold.

22 below Zero.

Jan. 10th

A very fine day, with a light wind from the North
Employed melting lead, and, running bullets for the Natives

25 below Zero.

Jan. 11th.

Fine weather. clear, and cold, a light N. W. wind
To-day we shot 2 seals and 37 ducks

30 below Zero.

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Jan. 12th.

A fine day, Clear and cold with a light N.W. wind

°32 below Zero.

Jan. 13th.

Another fine day. A light S.W. wind, but cloudy

°26 below Zero.

Jan. 14th

Still fine weather, Clear, and cold. with a light N.W. wind

°32 below Zero.

Jan. 15th.

A very fine day, with a light air from the N.W. Clear and cold

°32 below Zero.

Jan. 16th.

A light N.W. wind Clear and cold.

°33 below Zero

Jan. 17th.

Still another fine day with a light breeze from the Westward.

°34 below Zero.

Jan. 18th.

A fine day, but very cold with a moderate wind from W.N.W.

°42 below Zero.

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Jan. 19th.

Comes in with moderate wind from the West. Clear and cold Latter part breezing up strong

°37 below Zero.

Jan. 20th.

A moderate West wind. Clear, and cold.

°34 below Zero.

Jan. 21st.

Clear and cold.

°32 below Zero.

Jan. 22nd.

Comes in with a strong wind from the South. and thick weather. clearing at Noon The Natives shot 2 walrus to-day

°8 below Zero.

Jan. 23rd.

Fine weather. Clear, and cold, with a light N. E. wind.

°24 below Zero.

Jan. 24th.

Fine weather Clear, with a light N. W. wind The Natives killed an Ougjuk seal to-day.

°38 below Zero

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Jan. 25th.

Still another fine day with a light air from the N. W. Clear, and cold.

°34 below Zero.

Jan. 26th

A strong wind from the N. E. Clear, and cold.

°36 below Zero.

Jan. 27th.

A fine day with a light wind from N. N. E. Clear, and cold.

°36 below Zero.

Jan. 28th.

Clear and cold to-day with a light wind from N. W.

°34 below Zero.

Jan. 29th.

Still fine weather with a light N. W. wind

°34 below Zero.

Jan. 30th.

A fine day with a light N. W. wind

°34 below Zero.

Jan. 31st.

Blowing strong from the N. W. and very cold.

°40. below Zero.

Average for the month of Jan. °28 below zero.

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In winter quarters

Feb. 1st.

Fine weather. Clear, and cold. wind light from W. N W.

°39 below Zero

Feb. 2nd.

Blowing fresh from the S. E. The Natives killed a walrus to-day.

°37 below Zero.

Feb. 3rd.

Still blowing strong from the S. E. The Natives killed another walrus to-day

°27 below Zero.

Feb. 4th.

Clear, and cold, with a light wind from the N. E.

°34 below Zero.

Feb. 5th.

Clear and cold with a fresh. N. E. wind

°32 below Zero.

Feb. 6th.

Strong breeze in the morning from the N. N. E. hauling in the afternoon to N. W. and moderating, clear and cold

°34 below Zero.

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Feb. 7th.

Clear, and cold, with a strong wind from the West.

°42 below Zero.

Feb. 8th.

Clear and cold, with a light wind from the Westward

°46 below Zero.

Feb. 9th.

Fine weather light wind from the Westward. Clear, and cold,

°40 below Zero.

Feb. 10th.

Quite a fresh breeze from the S. E. and warmer
The Natives killed 2 walrus to-day

°10 below Zero.

Feb. 11th.

A fine day, with a light wind from the North.

30 below Zero.

Feb. 12th.

A very fine day, with a light N. W. wind, Clear, and cold,
The Natives killed 4 seals to-day

°37 below Zero

Feb. 13th

Another fine day. Light N W wind
The natives killed 6 seals to-day

°30 below Zero.

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In winter quarters

Feb. 14th

Still fine weather, a light wind from the North.
Some Natives came to-day, from the Southward and went to the Lt. A.R. Tucker.

°34 below Zero.

Feb. 15th.

A cloudy day with a light air from the North

°30 below Zero.

Feb. 16th.

Another cloudy day with a light wind from the Eastward.

°40 below Zero.

Feb. 17th

A very fine day, clear and cold, with a light Easterly wind.
This morning the Natives went off, after some salmon, which they had caught last fall

°38 below Zero.

Feb. 18th.

Quite a strong breeze from N.E.
Clear, and cold.
Our Natives returned to-day and brought us some salmon.

°30 below Zero.

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Feb. 19th.

A strong breeze in the morning from N.E. veering at Noon to North, and moderating, Employed to-day cutting out the Rudder.

26° below Zero.

Feb. 20th.

A very fine day. clear, and a light wind from the North.
Some of our Natives went down towards Depot Island sealing to be gone several days.
The other Natives have been building new snow-houses, close to the vessel

30 below Zero

Feb. 22nd.

Blowing a blizzard from the N.E.

10° below Zero.

Feb. 21st.

A light wind from the N.E.
Employed cutting out the stem to-day. and finished

29° below Zero.

Feb. 23rd.

Still blowing heavy from the N.N.E. with the snow drifting around the vessel

15° below Zero.

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In winter quarters

Feb. 24th

Still blowing hard from the same quarter

°15 below Zero.

Feb. 25th

A fine day, clear weather with a strong breeze from the N.E. Employed clearing away the drifts around the vessel, and in hauling off ice from shore.

°16 below Zero.

Feb. 26th.

Another fine day, with a light East wind

°20 below Zero.

Feb. 27th.

A cloudy day, with a light wind from the East.

Ther. at Zero.

Feb. 28th.

A very fine day, with a light breeze from the N.E.

°12 below Zero.

Average for Feb. - °29 below Zero.

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March 1st.

A cloudy day with a light wind from the South.
One of our natives came back from sealing to-day and brought several skins.

°4 below Zero.

Mar. 2nd.

Cloudy to-day, with a moderate wind from the West.

°16 below Zero.

Mar. 3rd.

A fine day, clear weather, with a light wind from the West.

°22 below zero.

Mar. 4th.

Another fine day, with a light N.E. wind, Clear, and, cold.

°30 below Zero.

Mar. 5th.

A fine day, Clear, and, cold.
Light air from the North

°30 below Zero.

Mar 6th.

Still fine weather, with a light wind from the West.

°33 below Zero.

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In winter quarters

Mar. 7th.

A very fine day with a light air from the West.
One of our Natives went off deer-hunting to-day.

°32 below Zero.

Mar. 8th.

Still another fine day, Clear and cold, with a light air from the West.

°32 below Zero.

Mar. 9th.

The same as preceding 24 hours.

°32 below Zero.

Mar. 10th.

Comes in, and ends, with a light air from the S.E. and cloudy
The Native who went deer-hunting on the 7th. returned to-day having had no success.
Employed to-day blacksmithing

°26 below Zero.

Mar. 11th.

A cloudy day with a light S.E. wind the Natives killed a walrus to-day.
At 6 P.M. a sled load of Natives came up from the Southward and stopped at the vessel.

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Mar. 12th

A light wind from the Eastward with frequent snow-squalls.

°8 below Zero.

Mar. 13th.

A very fine day, clear weather with a light wind from the Northward.

°16 below Zero.

Mar. 14th

A fresh breeze from the South, and snow-squalls, growing warmer at 8 A.M. ——— °4 below Zero.

Mar. 15th.

A very fine day with a light air from the N.W. and clear.

°10 below Zero

Mar. 16th.

A raw, cold, day, with a strong wind from the N.E. and a light snow-storm

°10 below Zero.

Mar 17th,

Clear, and, cold with a fresh wind from N.W. In the morning, Capt. Conner, went over to the Bk. A.K. Tucker, and told Capt Nichols to keep his crew away from the Era, later, on going into one of the natives houses, he found one of the Tucker's crew there, and ordered him out, when the man told him if he wanted to fight, to come outside, Capt Conner then drove the man off.

°26 below Zero.

In winter quarters.

Mar. 18th.

Comes in and ends, with a fresh wind from the N W.
Clear and cold

°35 below Zero.

Mar. 19th.

Comes in with a light N. W. wind clear, and cold,
Latter part hauling to N. E. and cloudy

At 7 A.M. °33 below Zero.

Mar. 20th.

Blowing strong all day, from the Eastward.
The natives killed a walrus to-day.

°23 below Zero.

Mar. 21st.

Comes in with a strong breeze from the N. E. with thick weather.
Latter part wind hauling to S. W. and weather clearing

°8 below Zero.

Mar. 22nd.

A fine day with a light wind from the West. Clear, and cold.
We cut a hole in the ice around the vessel and found it to be 6 feet 3 inches thick.

°32 below Zero.

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Mar. 23rd.

A very fine day, with a light N.W. We got off our casks of skins which we had ashore, and spread the skins out to dry and bleach

°30 below Zero.

Mar. 24th.

Another fine day with light variable winds. clear and cold

°31 below Zero.

Mar. 25th.

Light variable winds, with partly cloudy weather.

°32 below Zero.

Mar. 26th.

Blowing strong from the South.

°26 below Zero.

Mar. 27th.

A fine day, clear, and cold, with a moderate wind from S.W.

°12 below Zero.

Mar. 28th

Blowing strong from N. N. E. all day One of our natives came in from deer-hunting. had shot 3 deer

°16 below Zero.

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In winter quarters

Mar. 29th

Still blowing strong from the N.N.E.

°12 below Zero.

Mar. 30th

Quite a fine day, with a light wind from the Westward

°12 below Zero.

Mar. 31st

Another nice day. Light wind from N.E. and clear weather This morning Capt. Comer, went on a dog-sled to Whale Point, in search of a good harbor, to stay in next winter.

°12 below Zero.

Average temperature for March. °21 below.

April 1st

Comes in with a light breeze from the S.E.

At 8. P.M. Capt Comer returned from Whale Point.

°10 below Zero.

Apr. 2nd

Cloudy all day with a light N.E. wind.

°12 below Zero.

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Apr. 3rd.

A very fine day. Clear weather with a light wind from N.W.

°10 below Zero.

Apr. 4th.

Comes in with fine weather, clear, and quite warm.
We commenced our spring work to-day, and hauled 4 boats off from shore to get ready for whaling.

°3 below Zero.

Apr. 5th.

Another fine day. We got another boat off shore, also a native boat. To-day some of our Natives, who had been off deer-hunting, returned having killed 10 deer.

°3 above Zero.

Apr. 6th.

Quite a strong breeze from the W.S.W. All hands busy at work on the boats

°9 Above Zero.

Apr. 7th

Good weather employed all day working on the Statboard boat and finished.

°4 below Zero.

On winter quarters

Apr. 8th.
A moderate breeze from the N. E.
Employed; at work on the Larboard boat and finished
Some new Natives came to-day and went to the A. R. Tucker
°13 Above Zero.

Apr. 9th.
A light wind all day from S. E.
Employed, working on the Waist boat and finished.

Apr. 10th.
A very fine day, quite warm with light airs from all quarters
°18 Above Zero.

Apr. 11th.
A light snow-storm from the S. E. nearly all day
Employed putting a ~~keel~~ bone shoeing on Mr. Bordens boat, and finished
Latter part wind hauling to S. W. and clear weather.

Apr. 12th.
A strong wind in the first part from the West. with a light snow
Finished putting bone shoeing on the natives boat.
Took the snow away from the vessel where we had banked up.
Latter part wind hauling to the N.
At 9 P.M. the vessel came up out of the bed where she had been all winter.

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Apr. 13th.

Quite a good day with a light wind from the N.W.
All hand busy working on the boats getting them ready for the Floe whaling next month
°2 Above Zero.

Apr. 14th.

Blowing a gale all day from the S.E. and snowing
°11 Above zero.

Apr. 15th.

A light wind, and a S.E. snow-storm
Working on the boats all day.
°26 Above Zero.
The Natives killed a large walrus to-day.

Apr. 16th.

Blowing a blizzard all day from N.N.E.

Apr. 17th.

Fair weather with a moderate N. wind
°16 Above Zero.

Apr. 18th.

Clear weather, with a light breeze from the North.
Took off the hatches to-day for the first time, and put the heads in the provision casks, we had emptied in the winter.
°5 Above zero.

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In winter quarters.

Apr. 19th.

Clear weather, with a light wind from the North.
Employed at work in the hold, and at work on the boats.

Apr. 20th.

Clear, and cold, with a light N.E. wind.
Employed hauling off ice from shore to make water for summer use
2 sled loads of Natives came to-day to work for Bk. A.R. Tucker.

°5 Above Zero

Apr. 21st.

Clear and cold, with a light N.E. wind
Employed breaking up ice, and filling water casks with it in the hold to melt.

°7 Above Zero.

Apr. 22nd.

Still clear and cold.
Finished breaking up ice for water filled 11 casks with fine ice.

°1 above Zero.

Apr. 23rd.

Clear and cold with a light air from the North.

°6 below Zero.

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Apr. 24th

Still clear weather, with a light wind from the West.

Apr. 25th.

Blowing strong all day from the S.E.
Some of our Natives went off deer-hunting to-day

Apr. 26th.

A cloudy day, quite warm, with a light wind from the South, and the snow settling fast around the vessel

Apr 27th

A strong breeze all day and cold
Employed coiling down lines for the boats

Apr. 28th & Apr. 28th.

Blowing strong from the North busy getting the boats ready for the floe.
28th. Our Natives returned from hunting to-day with 12 deer

Apr. 30th.

Blowing very hard from N. N. E. and by far the hardest blow of the winter, with the snow drifting around the vessel.

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In winter quarters

Sunday. May 1st.
Clear weather with a light N.E. wind

May. 2nd.
A fine day, and quite warm
busily employed at work on the boats

May. 3rd.
Another fine day with a light
wind from the West.
Drying sails to-day.

May 4th.
Another fine day. Light North wind
Drying sails, and getting ready
for the floe.

May. 5th.
Blowing strong from North and N.W.
all day.

May 6th.
Still a strong breeze from the
N.W. and quite cold.

May. 7th.
A fine day with a light wind
from the Eastward
To-day we hauled the Starboard
and Larboard boats down to the
edge of the ice.

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May. 8th

A cloudy day with a light Easterly wind, and light snow. To-day we hauled two more boats down to the floe. ready for whaling

May. 9th.

Blowing a blizzard all day from the N.E. with heavy snow storm

May 10th.

Still blowing strong from the N.E. with the snow drifting around the vessel.

May. 11th.

Still blowing a blizzard from N.E.

May. 12th.

Still blowing strong from the N.E. This morning went down to the floe to see if our boats were alright. found some of the covers down and part of the frames broken. brought the broken frames to the schr. to repair

May. 13th.

Blowing strong all day from N.E. so can not go to the floe.

May 14th.

A light wind in morning from N.E. hauling in latter part to the Westward. Bk A.R. Tucker sent 2 boats out to the floe to-day.

May 15th. to July 23rd

On the morning of May 15th we left the vessel, with 5 boats crews, to live in the boats, and whale it until the vessel gets out of the ice.
The ice pack being close in to the floe, we did not put our boats in the water until the 17th. and the same day at 4 P.M. we raised a whale, and killed him. We towed him to the ice, and cut it in the blubber, hauled to the vessel on dog-sleds, which when boiled out made about 30 bbls.
The next whale we saw was May 23rd. when the Starboard boat had a large whale missed.
We did not see any more until June 26th. when we saw another one, but after chasing some time lost run of the whale Bk. A.R. Tuckers boats took a whale the same day, which we think was the same whale, We saw no more whales at the floe, so on July 23rd we went to the vessel to be there when the ice breaks up.
The weather has been very good for cruising, light Westerly winds nearly all of the time, but a very poor show of whales, On July 15th. went on board of the Str. Active, of Dundee, she having entered Hudson Straits June 17th. They reported having seen a large body of large whales, when off Southampton 2 days previous, strick one whale and lost it, the next morning they saw another one but did not chase it.
July 23 all hands of Era. came to the vessel to be here when the ice breaks up.

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July 24th

Blowing fresh and raining nearly all day

July 25th.

Blowing a moderate gale from E.N.E. and raining At 7 A.M. the ice began to break up and at 9 A.M. both vessels were in clear water, we dropped both anchors and are waiting for a favorable time to go out.
In afternoon wind moderating put a spare boat ashore and got off what stores are needed for our cruise

July 26th

Still blowing heavy from E.N.E. so that we cannot go out to cruise
Employed fixing up some on deck and in the hold.

July. 27th.

Blowing a strong breeze from the N.E. in the first part, moderating in the afternoon.
Employed repairing and painting boats and fixing up the vessel

July 28th.

Light winds and calms with the Bay full of drifting ice.

July 29th.

Light airs from South and West, Lots of ice in the Bay.
Took 4 casks of water from shore to-day. Employed at work on the rigging, and in the hold.

In Hudson Bay.

July 30th

A fresh breze from S. W. but the bay full of loose ice so could not get the vessel out.

July 31st.

Comes in with a light air from S.W. At 3 A.M. called all hands and got under way and went out of the harbor. Worked through loose ice until 12 M. when we got in clear water, then shaped our course for Southhampton Island.
Latter part a fresh breze from the same quarter

(Comes out of Winter Quarters)

Aug 1st.

10 ft. 2 in. Bone.

A light S. W. wind. At 2-30 P.M. raised several whales, lowered and got one to the Larboard boat. Lent him in at night

Aug. 2nd.

9 ft. 9 in. Bone.

Raised a whale at 7 A.M. but fog coming in did not get him, at 5 P.M. saw another and got him to the Larboard boat, cutting all night

Aug 3rd.

9 ft. 2 in. Bone

Raised a whale lowered and got one to the Starboard boat took the head at night.

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Aug. 4th.

Finished cutting our whale but the weather getting bad started for Cape Fullerton with our 3 whales

Aug. 5th.

Anchored at Cape Fullerton and started our try-works.

Aug. 6th. to Aug 16th.

Anchored at Cape Fullerton boiling and stowing oil, scraping bone, ~~and~~ setting up rigging, when finished bundled all the bone and put it all ashore on an island, Also had 2 boats crews off shore whaling util the vessel was through with her work Aug. 14th. the S.S. Active came in and anchored and stayed until Aug 16th when she went out and towed the Era outside of the islands.

Aug 16th.

Towed to sea by the S.S. Active.

At 2 P.M. when about ½ way to Whale Point picked up our 2 boats who had been shore whaling

At 5 P.M. saw a whale once but did not see him again

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In Hudson Bay.

Aug 17th.

At 7 A.M. raised a whale lowered and chased all day but wind so light could not strike
Put 2 boats ashore at Whale Point to be taken down to Cape Fullerton by the natives

Aug 18th.

Light winds and calms, trying to work up the Welcome

Aug. 19th.

A very fine day, cruising around Whale Point.
The natives came off to us and report seeing a whale in shore this morning.

Aug. 20th

A moderate breeze from the S.W. with hazy weather
At 3 P.M. raised a whale close to the vessel, but did not see him but once so did not lower.

Aug. 21st.

Light air from S.W. with partly clear weather, cruising off Wager River, saw nothing to-day.

Aug 22nd.

A moderate breeze from the N.E.
Worked across to Point Harding and saw no signs of whales, then back to Whale Point. Saw Str. Active steering to the North.
At sunset A.K. Tucker in sight with 2 boats down.

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Aug. 23rd.

Strong breeze from N.E.

At 5 A.M. raised a whale, lowered the boats, but did not see the whale again,

At 6 P.M. weather light, raised a whale to the windward, but too late to lower.

Aug 24th.

Comes in with light airs and calms.

At 5 A.M. saw 4 whales, lowered and chased, until 3 P.M. without success

Latter part strong S.W. wind

Aug. 25th.

A strong S.W. wind

At 10 A.M. lowered for a whale and tried him one rising but fog came in so came back to the vessel.

Latter part rain.

Aug 26th.

Variable winds, and fog, with a heavy swell.

In the afternoon saw Bk A.R. Tucker chasing a whale.

Latter part calm.

Aug. 27th

Bone 9 Ft.

A strong breeze from the Westward. at 6 A.M. raised a whale and chased, came on board at 10 A.M. and at 10-30 lowered again and got a whale to the Waist Boat. got him alongside and cut him in finished at dark

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In Hudson Bay.

Aug. 28th.

A strong breeze from the North
Employed cleaning up the decks.
In forenoon saw Bk. A. R. Tucker chasing
a whale without success.
Have seen no whales to-day.

Aug. 29th.

A fresh breeze in the morning from
the N. W. the hauling at Noon to
S. W. Saw Bk A. R. Tucker chasing
a whale. later on we saw the same
whale but he was going quick to
the North.

Aug. 30th.

A strong breeze all day from the W.
Saw Bk A. R. Tucker's boats chasing a
whale in the morning. also saw them
chasing another in the afternoon.

Aug. 31st.

All kinds of weather to-day.
At Noon some of our Natives came
on board at Whale Point and brought
one of our boats which we had left
ashore, We then started for Cape Fullerton
to boil out our whale.

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Sept. 1st.

At 6 A.M. raised a bowhead, lowered our boats but he was going fast and rain coming on we gave up the chase
At 5 P.M. weather clear we ran into Cape Fullerton and anchored

Sept 2nd.

At anchor boiling out our whale also put our bone ashore, and the Natives scraping it.
Took Mr Bordens boat ashore and tried to stop some of the leak.

Sept. 3rd.

A strong breeze from the S. E.
Finished boiling and stowed some of the oil.

Sept. 4th.

Blowing from the N.E. with rain.
At Noon moderating sent a gang ashore and finished scraping and bundling the bone, also stowed some of our oil to-day.

Sept. 5th.

2043 gals. Variable winds to-day
Finished stowing our oil.

Sept 6th.

Still at anchor. Wind Easterly with rain Employed cleaning ship and getting water from shore.

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In Hudson Bay.

Sept 7th.

Light variable winds.

Sept. 8th

Got under weigh at 7 A.M.
Sat 4 P.M. raised a whale, lowered and got him to the Larboard Boat
Bone 8 ft 5 in.
got him along-side and finished cutting in at 9-30 P.M.

Sept. 9th,

Blowing strong all day from the Westward, with rain, and a heavy swell.
Cleared away the head and put the bone below.

Sept. 10th.

Strong breeze in first part from the S.W. hauling at Noon to N.E. Kept off at Noon for Cape Fullerton but when we got there at 7 P.M could not head in the passage.

Sept 11th.

Blowing strong from N.W.
Cruising between Cape Fullerton and Yellow Bluff, looking for the Francis Allen. to send our letters

Sept. 12th.

Still blowing heavy, with snow squalls, and the ice making fast on the vessel, and on deck

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Sept 13th.

Strong breeze in first part from N.W. with snow squalls. moderating in afternoon and hauling to East at dark lying off Whale Point.

Sept. 14th.

Light airs and calms in the first part.
Latter part fresh breeze from S.E. and a thick snow-storm.
Working the vessel toward Cape Fullerton.

Sept. 15th.

Blowing strong from E.N.E.
Trying hard all day to get into Cape Fullerton.

Sept. 16th.

Light airs from N.E. Trying still to get into Cape Fullerton but without success At sunset Schr. Francis Allen in sight.

Sept. 17th.

Moderate wind from N.W. at day-light saw the Francis Allen at anchor close to the land, we ran in and anchored close to her and took on board some boards 6 1/2 bbls flour, 4 1/2 bbls beef, 4 coils tow-line. and a few other small stores Francis Allen then started for New Bedford We discharged by mutual agreement, 3 sailors Karner Lehner Peter Blecha Nathan A. Shippy We then got under way and started for Cape Fullerton

Francis Allen.

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In Hudson Bay.

Sept. 17th

Sent home by Schr. Francis Allen 3 casks. containing 41 Musk ox-skins 20 Bear-skins 5 Wolf skins 34 Fox-skins.

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Sept. 18th.

A light wind from N.E. clear, and cold.
At 9 A.M. let go anchor at Cape Fullerton, for the winter, Then the rest of the day getting ready to try out the blubber of the whale taken Sept. 8th.

Sept. 19th.

Employed boiling out our blubber
Saw Str Active off the entrance to the harbor, and Capt Comer went off to her with letters. she had taken no whales. but had 103 Walrus-skins
At dark cooled down our try-works
A very fine day light wind from N. and N.W.

Sept. 20th.

An other fine day light N.W. wind
Finished boiling our blubber to-day
Part of crew ashore building a house
One of our Natives came to-day had killed 17 deer.

Sept. 21st.

First part blowing strong from S.W with frequent snow-squalls
Latter part wind hauling to N.W. and clear. Stowed our oil to-day
1268 gals.
At 6. P.M. let go second anchor.

1268 gals. Whale oil.

1898

In Winter Quarters.

Sept. 22nd.

Blowing strong from the N. W. at sunset moderating. took up second anchor

Sept. 23rd.

A moderate N. E wind.
Busy getting the vessel ready for the winter, Sent down Crow-e-nest, and Fore T. G. yard, and put them ashore.

Sept. 24th.

Blowing strong from the South
Finished building our house ashore, and put the bone we had ashore inside.

Sept. 25th.

Blowing a moderate gale all day from S. E with rain.

Sept. 26th.

A moderate S. E wind with thick weather Snow, Rain, and Fog.
Washed the vessel to-day
At 6 P.M took up small anchor.

Sept. 27th.

Thick fog, and rain all day
Wind E. N. E.

Sept. 28th.

A strong breeze from E. N. E with snow-squalls.
Scraped the head of bone taken Sept. 8th. also put what whale-bone we had on board ashore
At 5 P.M. let go second anchor.

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Sept. 29th.

Blowing hard, and snowing all day from the S. E.
At dark moderating and a thick fog.
Quite a heavy swell coming in the harbor.

Sept. 30th.

A strong breeze from the E. S. E.
Employed breaking out provisions and stowing off the hold.

Oct. 1st.

Blowing a moderate breeze from N. and N. W.
In morning took up second anchor also hove up large anchor to see if it was clear.
Took 2 casks of water from shore to-day.

Oct. 2nd.

Blowing strong from N. W.
At 6 P M let go second anchor.

Oct. 3rd.

Blowing strong from N. W. nearly all day. Went ashore, and brought off all of our lumber for the house over the vessel.

1898.

In Winter Quarters

Oct. 4th.

A fresh breeze all day from N. W.
Furled the Mainsail on the Gaff
already so we could go ~~along~~ on land
build the house over the vessel.

Oct. 5th.

A strong N. W. wind.
Employed building the house
over the vessel.
Also took several Natives who were
living on the land near the vessel
and carried them up the Bay
about 10 miles.

Oct. 6th.

Light N. E wind
Working on the house all day
Our Natives killed a white fish
to-day.

Oct. 7th.

Blowing strong from North.
Still working on our house.

Oct. 8th.

A moderate wind from N. and N. E.
Went ashore to-day and cut ice
for winters use. 9 inches thick

Oct. 9th.

A light N. W. wind
Cutting ice to-day. and finished
At. 8 A.M. took up small anchor
°8 Above zero.

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Oct. 10th.

A fine day with a light wind from N.E. Clear and cold.
Employed caulking the house

Oct. 11th.

A strong breeze from E.S.E with snow.
Went ashore to-day and cut out some ice for windows to the house
At 5 P.M. let go small anchor.

Oct. 12th.

Light wind in the morning from N.W. At 8 A.M. took up small anchor.
Latter part strong wind from N.W.

Oct. 13th.

A strong breeze in the morning from N.W. with snow.
At 9 A.M. let go second anchor.
Moderating and clear in afternoon.

Oct. 14th.

Blowing a blizzard all day from S.E. with lots of snow.
At 6 P.M. moderating, and wind hauling to N.W. Took up small anchor.

1898

In Winter Quarters

Oct. 15th.

A moderate wind from N.E.
Brought off a lot of ice from shore
to last until the vessel froze in

Oct. 16th.

Blowing fresh all day from the N.E.
with a very high Barometer.
At 8 A.M. took up small anchor
and at 6 P.M let it go again

Oct. 17th.

Blowing, and snowing, all day from
the N.E.

Oct. 18th.

Clear weather with a light North
wind, and growing cold quite fast.

Oct. 19th.

Blowing strong from N.W. so that
nearly all of the ice which had
made in the Bay went out again

Oct. 20th.

A moderate wind from N.E. the ice
made some last night, but went out
again this morning there were several
heavy pieces but the vessel dragged
some and after a while got clear
At dark the ice all around the
Schooner but not solid, being held in
by the wind.

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Oct. 21st.

A strong breeze from N.E. with a light snow. The ice making slowly around the vessel

Oct. 22nd.

Still a strong breeze from the N.E. All hands out cutting a channel a hauling the vessel up nearer the land at 3 P.M stopped as the ice was too thin to work on.
Took up both anchors and made the vessel fast to the ice.

Oct. 23rd.

A light wind from the North.
Employed all day cutting the ice and hauling the vessel up nearer the land at night finished, and made the vessel fast to freeze in for the winter.

Oct. 24th.

A light N. W. wind.
Employed all day getting the vessel ready for the winter.

Oct. 25th.

A very fine day with a light wind from N.W.
Took off 2 casks of bread from shore to-day also some molasses.

6 below zero.

1898

In Winter Quarters

Oct. 26th.

A light N. W. wind in the morning breezing up strong in afternoon. and quite cold.

Oct. 27th.

A light N. W. wind all day and very cold. °19 below Zero.

Oct. 28th.

A light N. W. wind clear and cold °21 below Zero.

Oct. 29th.

A very fine day, clear and cold with a light N. W. wind.
Employed, getting off provisions from shore for winter use.
Also hauled our boats close in to the land

°18 below Zero.

Oct. 30th.

Another fine day with a light wind from. N. W.

°16 below Zero.

Oct. 31st.

A strong breeze from N. E.
Employed hauling off ice from shore
At dark blowing a moderate gale.

°12 below Zero.

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Nov. 1st.

Blowing a blizzard from N. E. with the snow drifting some around the vessel

Nov. 2nd.

Still blowing strong from the North

Nov. 3rd.

A moderate wind from the North banked up some snow around the bows.

Nov. 4th.

A fine day with a light wind from N. E. Did more banking up to-day.

Nov. 5th.

A strong breeze from N. E. and cloudy Warmer

Nov. 6th.

A fine day, Clear weather with a light air from the N. E.
To-day our Natives came back from deer-hunting, they had very good success, and brought us some skins and deer-meat.

°7 below Zero.

Nov. 7th.

A fine day. Clear, and cold, with a light breeze from N. W.

°12 below Zero.

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In Winter quarters

Nov. 8th.

Clear and cold with a strong wind from West.

25° below zero.

Nov. 9th.

Clear and cold with light wind from the West.
Employed hauling off coal from shore

24° below zero.

Nov. 10th.

Clear and cold with a light wind from N. W.
Employed banking up snow around the vessel.

23 below zero.

Nov. 11th.

Clear and cold with light N W wind

29° below zero.

Nov. 12th.

Weather still the same
Banked up the snow around us to-day

28° below zero.

Nov. 13th

Still clear and cold,
Several natives arrived here to-day nearly all of them cripples

28° below zero.

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Nov. 14th.

A light wind from S.E. with a light snow-storm, and quite warm. To-day we put all of our boats up on the land for the winter.

°6 Above zero.

Nov. 15th.

Blowing a strong wind from the N.W.

°8 below Zero.

Nov. 16th.

A moderate wind from the N.W. Clear, and cold.

°25 below Zero.

Nov. 17th.

Blowing a blizzard from the East-ward, with the snow drifting a great deal around the vessel

°2 Above Zero.

Nov. 18th.

Variable winds all day. Employed banking up snow around the vessel.

°20 Above Zero.

Nov. 19th.

A light wind from N W. and clear. Finished banking up around the vessel to-day

°15 below Zero.

1898

In Winters quarters.

Nov. 20th.
Clear and cold with a light N.W. wind
°24 below Zero.

Nov. 21st.
A light wind from the North, with a little snow
°16 below Zero.

Nov. 22nd.
A light N.W. wind, clear, and cold,
°34 below Zero.

Nov. 23rd.
A fresh breeze from N.E. clear, and cold,
To-day the last of our Natives came in from deer-hunting.
Some other Natives also came here from inland.
°25 below Zero.

Nov. 24th.
Light wind from the North
Clear and cold
°28 below Zero.

Nov. 25th.
Cloudy weather with a light wind from the Eastward.

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Nov. 26th.

A light snow-storm from N. E.

°4 below Zero.

Nov. 27th.

A strong wind from N. N. E. and cloudy.

°10 below Zero.

Nov. 28th.

A fine day with a light wind from N. N. W

°18 below Zero.

Nov. 29th.

Blowing a strong breeze from E. N. E.

°12 below Zero.

Nov. 30th.

Still a strong breeze from E. N. E.

Ther. at °0.

1898

In winter quarters.

Dec. 1st.

Still blowing a strong breeze from E. N. E. and cloudy weather

°6 Above Zero.

Dec 2nd.

A light Easterly wind

°15 ~~below~~ above Zero

Dec. 3rd.

Still light Easterly weather and cloudy.

°15 Above Zero.

Dec. 4th.

A strong breeze from N. E. and snowing

°2 Above Zero.

Dec. 5th.

Strong N. E. wind

°2 below Zero.

Dec. 6th.

Blowing strong from N. E.

°4 below Zero.

Dec. 7th.

A light air from N. E. and clear.

°11 below Zero.

Dec. 8th.

Blowing strong from S. S. W. and snowing.

°16 Above zero.

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Dec. 9th.

Blowing strong from N.W. with clear weather.

°2 below Zero.

Dec. 10th.

Clear and cold, with a strong wind from the N.W.

°12 below Zero.

Dec. 11th.

A strong wind from the North

°8 below Zero.

Dec. 12th.

Clear and cold with a light wind from the North.

°12 below Zero.

Dec. 13th.

A very fine day clear, with a light air from the N.W.

°18 below Zero.

Dec. 14th.

Another very fine day. Light N.W. wind

°25 below Zero.

1898

For winter quarters.

Dec. 15th.

A light West wind with a light snow

°26 below Zero

Dec. 16th.

Blowing strong from West. Clear and cold.

°34 below Zero.

Dec. 17th.

A fine day with light wind from the North.

°24 below Zero.

Dec. 18th.

Another fine day. light West wind hauling in latter part to E. N. E.

°26 below Zero.

Dec. 19th.

Blowing strong from the East. Employed all day melting lead and running bullets.

°2 Above Zero.

Dec. 20th

Still blowing strong from the Eastward. Blacksmithing all day

°4 Above Zero.

1898.

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Dec. 21st.

Still blowing heavy from the Eastward with the snow drifting very much around the vessel.
Finished making a sled, to-day for the Natives

°2 Above Zero.

Dec. 22nd.

Blowing strong all day from the same quarter. At dark wind moderating
Blacksmithing all day

Ther. at °0.

Dec. 23rd.

A moderate wind from the North
Employed clearing away the drifts around the vessel.
The Natives built thier houses on the ice close to the vessel to-day.

°15 below Zero.

Dec. 24th.

A light wind from the Westward
In the evening all hands in the house celebrating Christmas, with songs and dances.

°14 below Zero.

1898.

In winter quarters.

Dec. 25th.

A strong wind from N. W

°24 below Zero.

Dec. 26th.

A very fine day, with a light wind from the N. W.
Put bone shoeing on a sled, to-day for the Natives.

°28 below Zero.

Dec. 27th.

Another fine day with a light wind from the West.
Employed getting our Natives ready to start off after Musk ox, to-morrow
Hauled a cask of bread from shore to-day.
This evening a Total Eclipse of the moon visible here.

°28 below Zero

The Natives went out to the floe to-day for the first time this winter, and shot one seal.

Dec. 28th.

A very fine day, clear and cold.
This morning several of our Natives started off after Musk-ox. to be gone about 3 months.

°34 below Zero.

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Dec. 29th.

Clear and cold with a fresh wind from the North

°36 below Zero.

Dec. 30th.

Clear and cold.

°34 below Zero

Dec. 31st

Still a light wind from the West — Clear and cold

°31 below Zero

Dec 31st.

1899.
In winter quarters.

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January 1st.
Blowing strong all day from the N. W
°26 below Zero.

Jan. 2nd.
A moderate wind from the W. S. W.
Clear, and a little warmer.
°18 below Zero.

Jan. 3rd.
Cloudy weather with a light wind from W. S. W.
°26 below Zero.

Jan. 4th.
Blowing strong from the N. E.
°26 below Zero.

Jan. 5th.
Clear and cold, with a light Westerly wind
°42 below Zero.

Jan 6th.
Blowing fresh from the North.
°40 below Zero.

Jan. 7th.
A strong wind from N. N. E. clear and cold
°34 below Zero.

1899

In winter quarters.

Jan. 8th.

A light wind from the North

°30 below Zero.

Jan 9th.

A light wind from the Westward
Clear, and cold.

°32 below Zero.

Jan. 10th.

A fine day Clear, and cold, with a
light wind from the West.

°36 below Zero.

Jan. 11th.

In first part a light wind from
the N.W. hauling in the afternoon
to E.N.E.
The Natives killed a walrus to-day.

°34 below Zero.

Jan. 12th.

Comes in with a strong breeze
from E.N.E. and cloudy weather.
Ends the same.

°12 below Zero.

Killed another walrus to-day.

Jan. 13th.

Light Easterly wind.
The Natives killed another walrus to-day

°14 below Zero.

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Jan. 14th.
Still Easterly winds.
Clear, and warmer.
°4 below Zero.

Jan. 15th.
A moderate wind from E.N.E.
Clear, and a little colder.
10 below Zero.
Our Natives killed 5 deer - to-day

Jan. 16th.
A very fine day, with a light wind from the N.W. and colder
27 below Zero.

Jan. 17th.
A fine day, with a light N.E. wind
°18 below Zero.

Jan. 18th.
Blowing strong from the N.E
Busy running bullets to-day
To-day our Natives went off and killed 5 deer
°7 below Zero.

Jan. 19th.
A moderate wind from W.S.W. clear and cold.
°26 below Zero.

1899

For winter quarters.

Jan. 20th.

Clear, and colder. with a fresh wind from the West.

°34 below Zero.

Jan. 21st.

Clear and cold, with a light Westerly wind

°37 below Zero

Jan 22nd.

Still fine weather. light Westerly wind.
The Natives killed a walrus to-day Some others went fishing and caught a few salmon.

°30 below Zero.

Jan. 23rd.

Another fine day with a light wind from the N.E.

°34 below Zero.

Jan. 24th.

Clear and cold

°37 below Zero.

Some Natives (2) came to the vessel to-day in a starving condition. report others too weak to get here.

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Journal of Schr. Elsa

Jan. 25th.

Clear and cold with a moderate wind from the North
This morning a sled went off to bring in the Natives who are starving

°34 below Zero

Jan 26th.

Light Westerly wind

°34 below Zero.

Jan. 27th.

A fresh wind from West.
To-day 7 more Natives came to the vessel for something to eat.

°24 below Zero.

Jan. 28th.

A moderate wind from the N. W.
Clear and quite cold

°26 below Zero.

Jan 29th.

A moderate wind from the West.

°30 below Zero.

1899

In winter quarters.

Jan 30th.

Cloudy, with a moderate wind from the West.
This evening a sled with Natives which left here 28th. came back bringing #5 others who were starving. one child had died on the way to the vessel. Latter part light snow falling

25° below Zero.

Jan. 31st.

A fresh wind from the N. E. and warmer.

7° below Zero.

Feb. 1st.

A moderate wind from the E. N. E. Clear and colder

25° below Zero.

Feb. 2nd.

A fine day, clear, and cold with a moderate wind from the Eastward Employed hauling off ice from shore.

32° below Zero.

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Feb. 3rd

Another fine day, with a light S. W. wind, and clear weather

°30 below Zero.

Feb. 4th.

A light N. E wind, and hazy

°26 below Zero.

Feb. 5th.

A light N. E. wind, quite cold. The Natives killed another walrus to-day.

°30 below Zero.

Feb. 6th.

A strong wind from N. N. E. Employed blacksmithing all day.

°30 below Zero.

Feb. 7th

Blowing strong from N. N. E.

°18 below Zero.

Feb. 8th.

A moderate wind from N. N. E. Our Natives went off deer-hunting but got none.

°12 below Zero.

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For winter quarters.

Feb. 9th

A light wind from the North, and warmer.

°7 below Zero.

Feb. 10th.

Blowing strong, from the West. with the snow drifting around the vessel

°16 below Zero.

Feb 11th.

Blowing a gale from the Westward and drifting around the vessel

°13 below Zero

Feb. 12th.

Still a strong breeze from the West. but clear weather. and colder

°22 below Zero.

Feb. 13th.

A fine day, clear and cold, with a light air from the N.W.
Employed hauling off ice from shore.

°32 below Zero

Feb. 14th.

A fine day with a light wind from the Eastward. and clear weather.

°26 below Zero.

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Feb. 15th

a fine day with a light wind from the N. E. Clear, and warmer. The Natives killed a walrus to-day

°12 below Zero.

Feb. 16th.

Another nice day. A light wind from the Westward. and clear. The Natives caught some salmon to-day.

°26 below Zero

Feb. 17th.

Another fine day. With a light wind from the West.

°8 below Zero.

Feb. 18th.

A strong wind from the N. E and clear weather
Employed building a dingey for the Natives and finished

°18 below Zero.

Feb. 19th

Blowing streng from the Eastward some of our Natives went off to-day and shot 2 deer

°20 below Zero.

1899.

In winter quarters

Feb. 20th.

Still a strong breeze from the N.E. Have been getting our Natives ready to go a few miles to the Westward on a seal-hunt.

°20 below Zero.

Feb. 21st.

A light wind from the North, with clear weather.

°18 below Zero

Feb. 22nd.

Blowing a blizzard from N.N.E. and warmer.

°12 below Zero

Feb. 23rd.

A light N E wind and clear

°10 below Zero.

Feb. 24th.

A light wind from E.N.E. This morning nearly all of our Natives started to go to the Westward on a seal-hunt to be gone several days.

°12 below Zero.

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Journal of Schr. Esa.

Feb. 25th.

a light wind from the South clear. and in first part quite cold.

°22 below Zero.

Feb. 26th.

A moderate wind from the N. E.

°12 below Zero.

Feb. 27th.

Blowing a strong gale from the N. E.

At Noon 2 Natives came to the vessel from inland. but did not have any trade. they report, deer are very scarce.

°6 below Zero.

Feb. 28th.

Still blowing hard from the N. E. and the snow in large drifts around the vessel

°10 Above Zero.

1899.

In winter quarters.

March 1st.

A light wind from N. E. and a light snow-storm.
To-day we took the banking away from the stern, and bows. so as to be ready to cut the ice clear of the rudder and ~~bows~~. stern.
At 6 P.M. a boy came up on a dog-sled from our Natives who are sealing a few miles to the Westward of us and reports them as having good success.

°6 above zero

Mar. 2nd.

Blowing strong from the E. N. E.
To-day the 2 Natives who came here 27th started back again, some of the other Natives that were hanging around the vessel also went off deer-hunting.
The Natives who came last night also started to go back sealing but the snow blowing so hard they came back at Noon.
To-day we cut the ice clear of the rudder.

7 A.M. °8 Above zero.

Mar. 3rd.

A moderate wind from the N E.
To-day we cut the ice all clear of the stern and loosened the snow around the vessel.

°10 below zero.

1899.

Journal of Schr. Ezra

Mar. 4th.

A fine day clear and cold with a light wind from West.
Some of our Natives went off and caught a few salmon.

°12 below Zero.

Mar. 5th.

Another very fine day with a light wind from the North. and very clear.

°14 below Zero.

Mar. 6th.

Still fine weather. with a light wind from the North.

°17 below Zero.

Mar. 7th.

Another very nice day. but a little colder. with a light wind from N. W.
The natives go fishing nearly every day and get a few salmon

°26 below Zero.

Mar. 8th.

Clear, and cold, with a light N. W. wind
To-day nearly all of our Natives who were off sealing returned to the vessel having had very good luck.

°26 below Zero.

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In winter quarters

Mar. 9th.

Clear and cold. with a light wind from West.
To-day the Natives went off and brought back all the seal-meat they had shot
To-day we stopped feeding several of the Natives who had been around the vessel all winter. who did not belong to the vessel

°26 below Zero.

Mar. 10th.

A strong wind from the West
Clear and very cold

°34 below Zero.

Mar. 11th.

Still a strong wind from West. and very cold.

°38 below Zero.

Mar. 12th.

Still a strong breeze from West. The balance of our Natives who were off sealing returned to-day

°24 below Zero.

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Mar. 13th.

A fine day, with a light wind from the N. W.
Employed breaking out coal to-day and cleaned out the port side of our coal-bin in the hold.

°20 below Zero.

Mar. 14th.

Blowing strong from N. N. E.
Clear and cold
One of our Natives went off and shot 2 deer to-day

°32 below Zero.

Mar. 15th.

Clear and cold with a light wind from the North.

°32 below Zero.

Mar. 16th.

A light wind from N. N. E. and quite cold

°28 below Zero.

Mar. 16th.

Clear and cold with a light wind from N. N. E.
The Natives all busy cleaning skins for boots and clothing

°28 below Zero.

1899.

In winter quarters.

Mar. 18th.

Still a light wind from N.N.E and quite cold

28° below Zero

Mar. 19th

A fresh wind from W.N.W. and a light snow-storm.

20° below Zero.

Mar. 20th.

A strong wind in the morning from N.W. later on hauling to N.E. and fine weather

20° below Zero.

Mar. 21st.

Blowing hard from the West, with a thick snow-storm.

10° below Zero.

Mar. 22nd.

Blowing strong in the first part from the South, shifting in the middle part to the East.

To-day some Kinepetu Natives came in, and brought us 8 Musk-ox skins. They had been gone about three weeks.

10° below Zero

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Mar. 23rd.

Still blowing strong from the East. Employed to-day cleaning Musk-ox skins.

°7 below Zero.

Mar. 24th.

Blowing a regular blizzard from the Eastward, and warmer

Ther. at °0.

Mar. 25th.

Still blowing strong all day from E. N. E. with the weather clearing.

°7 Above Zero.

Mar. 26th.

A fine day with a light wind in the morning from N. E. hauling in the afternoon to N. W. and clear weather.

°10 Above Zero.

Mar. 27th.

A fine day with a moderate wind from N. E.
Took all of the snow off of the roof of our house to-day
The Natives to-day busy building new snow-houses.

°2 Above Zero.

1899.

In winter quarters

Mar. 28th.

Clear weather with a light N. E wind
Took the ice away from the window
and leveled the snow, around the
vessel.

°2 above Zero.

Mar. 29th

Still a strong wind from N. E. and
Clear weather

°2 above Zero.

Mar. 30th.

Another day of strong E. N. E. winds.
and clear.

°2 above Zero.

Mar. 31st.

A very fine day, with light airs
from the North.
Hauled a cask of bread off from
shore to-day.

Ther. at °0.

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April 1st.

a very fine day with a light N.W. wind.
Employed all day cleaning up the house on deck. getting ready for spring work.
One of our Natives (Harry) went off deer-hunting to be gone several days.

Ther. at 0.

Apr. 2nd.

Another fine day with a light wind from West, and a little colder.

8 below Zero.

Apr. 3rd.

Quite a strong wind from W.S.W. with clear weather.

4 below Zero.

Apr. 4th.

Another fine day with a light wind from W.S.W. and clear

5 below Zero

1899.

In winter quarters.

Apr. 5th.

Still fine weather with light airs from all quarters.
To-day a Native who went off deer-hunting on the first, came back having killed 5 deer, and caught some salmon.

5 below Zero.

Apr. 6th.

A light N. E wind in the first part shifting in the afternoon to West.

°8 Above Zero

Apr. 7th.

Light winds from N. E. and North with partly cloudy weather.

°8 below Zero.

Apr. 8th.

Clear weather with a light wind from North and colder

°18 below Zero.

Apr. 9th.

A fresh wind from the South, and partly cloudy weather.

°10 below Zero

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Apr. 10th.

Blowing strong all day from the S.E. and partly cloudy.

°8 Above Zero.

Apr. 11th

A blizzard all day from the E.S.E. with the snow drifting around the vessel

°8 Above. Zero.

Apr. 12th.

A moderate wind from the East-ward with a light snow-storm and warmer.

°18 Above Zero.

Apr. 13th.

A moderate wind from S.W. and S. with light snow, and partly cloudy weather.

°20 Above Zero

Apr. 14th.

Blowing a hard blizzard from the East. with the snow drifting a great deal around the vessel.

°20 Above Zero

1899.

In winter quarters

Apr. 15th.

Blowing heavy with a thick snow-storm from E. S. E all day

30° Above Zero.

Apr. 16th.

Comes in with a moderate wind from E. S. E.
Employed leveling the snow around the vessel
At 9 A.M the vessel came up out of the bed where she had frozen in
At 6. P.M one of our Natives came in from deer-hunting and brought us 6 deer.
At Sunset. weather clear, and wind light from the Eastward.

24° ~~below~~ Above Zero.

Apr. 17th.

A strong wind from W. and S. W. with snow-squalls.
Took the banking of snow away, and leveled the snow around the vessel

10° above Zero.

Apr. 18th.

A light wind from the Eastward with light snow.
Hauled all of our boats off to the vessel to-day, to get ready for whaling, next month

13° Above Zero.

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Apr. 19th.

Light variable winds with a light snow-storm.
At 9 A.M. one of our Natives came back from hunting and brought 8 Musk-ox skins.
To-day we took all of the snow off of the deck ready to take off the hatches.

°20 Above Zero.

Apr. 20th.

A strong wind from the Westward with light snow squalls
Employed cooping casks and hauling off coal from shore

°16 Above Zero.

Apr. 21st.

A light wind from N.N.E. with a light snow-storm.
Employed hauling off wood from shore and cooping casks.

°20 Above Zero.

Apr. 22nd.

A strong wind from the North with snow-squalls.
hauling off ice from shore to-day

°18 Above Zero.

1899.

In winter quarters

Apr. 23rd.

A light wind from N.W. in the morning hauling at Noon to E.N.E. and light snow.
At 5 P.M. 2 Natives came to the vessel and brought muck ox skins

°4 Above Zero.

Apr. 24th.

Light snow-storm with a S.E. wind
At Noon one of our Natives came back from a Musk-ox hunt and brought us 5 skins.
At 8 P.M. 3 more sleds came in with 32 more skins. They had been gone since Dec. 28th.

°10 Above Zero.

Apr. 25th.

A fresh wind from the N.E.
Employed breaking out the hold and coopering.
Took off the hatches for the first time to-day.
°3 Above Zero

Apr. 26th.

A moderate N.E. wind.
Employed breaking out the hold coopering casks. and drying Muskox skins.
Very cold for the time of year.
°3 Above Zero.

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Apr. 27th.

Blowing a blizzard from N E.
and a light snow
Employed cleaning Musk-ox skins

°4 Above Zero.

Apr. 28th.

Still blowing a gale from the N.E.
but clear and cold

°7 Above Zero

Apr. 29th.

Still a strong N E. wind.
To-day we have had part of our
Musk-ox skins pegged down to
the snow to- dry.
Have also been busy stowing off
the hold

°4 Above Zero.

Apr. 30th.

Clear and cold with a strong N.W.
wind.
Have had the balance of our Musk-ox
skins out drying to-day

°3 Above Zero

May. 1st.

Clear and cold with a strong wind
from W. N. W.
Employed hauling off coal from
shore and coopering casks.

°3 below Zero.

1899.

In winter quarters.

May 2nd.

A moderate wind from the Westward with partly cloudy weather.
Employed stowing off the hold for water.

°2 Above Zero.

May 3rd.

A moderate wind from the ~~N. E.~~ S. and warmer.

May 4th.

Blowing strong from the N. N. E.
Finished coffering to-day.

May 5th.

Blowing a blizzard from N. N. E. with the snow drifting a great deal around the vessel.

May 6th.

A strong wind in the morning from N. N. E. moderating at Noon.
Busy clearing snow off of decks and levling around the vessel.

May 7th.

A very fine day with a light N. W. wind.
Drying Musk-ox skins to-day
One of our Natives came back from deer hunting and brought 4 deer.

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May 8th.

Another fine day with light variable winds, busy scraping and repairing boats, getting them ready to paint.

May 9th.

A very fine day. Calm
Repairing and painting the boats.

May 10th.

A strong wind from N. N. E.
Busy working on the boats.
To-day some of our Natives went off sealing for a day, or two.

May 11th.

A strong wind from N. N. E.
Painted 2 more boats and coiled down our lines for whaling.

May. 12th.

A good day but quite cold. with a light wind from the Westward.
At work on the boats

May 13th.

Fine weather, still busy working on the boats

1899.
In Winter Quarters

May. 14th
Fine weather with a light wind from the North

May 15th.
Blowing strong from the N. E. Still busy working on the boats getting them ready for the floe as soon as the weather comes fit to go.

May. 16th.
A moderate wind from the East with frequent snow-squalls.
Employed hauling off water from shore. took in about 50 bbls to day.

May. 17th.
Cloudy all day, with a light South wind.
Put up the Fore-Top-Gallant yard and crows-nest to-day. also got some more water, and sent our oars down to the floe.

May. 18th
A light wind from W. S. W. and quite warm.
Employed getting some of our gear down to the edge of the ice.
Also scraped the lower masts to-day

°50 above Zero.

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May. 19th.

a fresh wind from W.S.W. in the first part hauling at Noon to N.W.
Busy getting our boats ready for the floe.

May 20th.

A moderate wind from the Westward This morning, we sent 2 boats down to the floe all rigged for whaling.

May. 21st.

A cloudy day with a light wind from the Westward
At 3 P.M. 4 sleds with new Natives came to the vessel and brought 15 Musk-ox and 11 Wolf-skins.

1899.
Floe Whaling.

May 22nd. We went to the Floe with 4 boats leaving the 2nd. Mate to lookout for the vessel. We cruized around Cape Fullerton until July 15th when we started for Southampton Island. the whales very scarce around Cape Fullerton having seen but one whale which we did not get.
After working into the ice 3 days the ice so heavy we returned to Cape Fullerton without getting to the land.
Started again July 15th. and hauled the boats out at Cape Kendall at 11 P.M. the next day worked down the coast to Monico Pt. the next morning at 3 A.M. saw a whale and took it took the bone and worked farther down the coast and left it on the land
July 4th saw whales again about 15 of them we cruised until July 16th and took 7 whales another we shot in the ice but did not see again.
July 16th started for the vessel and got back 19th. where we found the ice in the bay melting fast. the whale bone we left on the land to get when the Schr. got out.
Very fine weather while at Southampton Island.

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July 20th

A light wind from the S.W.
Busy getting the vessel ready for sea

July 21st

Employed sawing the ice between us and the open water
Wind ahead so could not get out to-day.

July 22nd.

Light winds from S, and S.W.
At 5 P.M. took our anchor and got under weigh and went to sea, considerable ice outside of the harbor so steered to-ward Whale Point.

July 23rd.

A fresh wind from S.W.
Lying off Whale Point with Natives on board trading.

July 24th.

A strong N.E. wind, at 8 A.M. kept off for Southampton Island, went through some scattering ice and reached Cape Kendall at 7 P.M.

July 25th.

Light wind from W.W. and fine weather at 6 P.M reached the place where we had our whale-bone, and anchored in 20 fathoms of water. sent the boats and took the bone from the shore finished at 12 P.M.

1879

In Hudson Bay.

July 26th.

A very fine day took our anchor and cruised all around where we had taken our whales but saw nothing

July. 27th.

A strong wind from the S. W kept off for Cape Fullerton. worked through considerable ice and arrived there at 10 P.M, and anchored

July 28th.

Put all of our whale bone ashore to-day.

July. 29th.

Went ashore and split our bone and scraped some, also took 3 casks of water from shore

July 30th.

A strong breeze and squally weather from S. W.
At 2 A.M. took our anchor and got under way, arrived at Whale Point at 11 A.M. Natives came on board and stayed all day, had seen nothing. Sunset steering for Southampton

July 31st.

Worked through loose ice and anchored at 7 P.M at Southampton, where we found Scotch Str. Active of Dundee landing provisions to found a whaling station for 3 years, received mail by the Str. 90 days from Dundee — clear.

1899.

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Aug 1st.

A light S.W. wind with rain squalls
At 3 P.M took our anchor and went
off shore cruising.

Aug. 2nd.

A strong Westerly wind.
At 11 A.M spoke with the Active, and
the started to work toward Depot
Island.

Aug. 3rd.

A strong wind from W.S.W. in the
morning worked through quite a
lot of ice off Cape Kendal, and at
5 P.M. the wind being ahead for
Depot Island we anchored at Cape
Fullerton.

Aug. 4th.

A rainy day all hands ashore washing
whale bone and building a house

Aug. 5th.

A fair day with a moderate wind
from the Eastward.
All hands ashore washing bone

Aug. 6th.

A very fine day; light winds from N.E.
hauling to the W.S.W.
At 6 A.M took our anchor and went
to sea. Steering towards Depot Island

1899.

In Hudson Bay.

Aug. 7th.

Light variable winds
Have seen nothing to-day.
Lat. at Noon 63.33.N.

Aug 8th

Light winds and calms. heading back to the N.E. plenty of feed but no whales. Lat. 63.23.N.

Aug. 9th

Light airs and calms.
At 2 P.M. passed Cape Fullerton. and kept off for Whale Point.
At 10 P.M. spoke Str. Active and Capt. Murray came on board for a short time.

Aug. 10th.

Fresh S.W. wind with rain squalls
At 8 A.M. hauled aback off Whale Point and Natives came on board and stayed all day

Aug. 11th.

A very fine day. Light wind from S.W. Cruising, between Whale Point, and Yellow Bluff. but have seen nothing to-day.

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Aug. 12th.

Light airs from the S. W. with frequent rain-squalls.
Working up from Whale Pt. to Wager River.

Aug. 13th.

Variable winds with rain-squalls cruising just to the South of Wager River. At 2 P.M. 2 boats crews of Natives came on board, bound to the South The Natives report Repulse Bay to be full of ice.
Have seen nothing to-day.

Aug. 14th.

A moderate wind from S.S.W. At 5 A.M. kept off and ran over to Pt. Harding Southampton Island, but saw nothing there or no feed. so beat back again. At night working back to-wards Whale Pt.

Aug. 15th.

Still fine weather Light wind in morning from N.W. latter part hauling to S.W. At 7 P.M. 5 miles South of Whale Pt. working towards Cape Fullerton.

1899.

In Hendson Bay.

Aug. 16th.

A strong S.W. wind,
Worked into Cape Fullerton and anchored at. 11 A.M.

Aug. 17th.

Light wind from S.W.
Employed washing bone and boating it off to the vessel
Also putting things to rights around the house ashore.

Aug. 18th.

Washing and bundling bone

Aug. 19th.

Hazy with a moderate S.E wind
Washing bone to-day.

Aug. 20th.

Rain and Fog all day.
Filling up water casks ashore

Aug. 21st.

Fine weather to-day.
Busy getting water from shore receiving of new brumaking gear, and getting the vessel ready for sea

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Aug. 22nd.

Comes in with a strong wind from the N. W.
At 3 A.M. took our anchor and made sail for New Bedford.
At 7 P.M. the lower end of Southampton Island in sight.
At 9 P.M hove-to for daylight.

Aug. 23rd.

A strong breeze in Forenoon from South.
At 6 A.M. Capt Murray of the Scotch whaling station came on board to send letters.
At 7 A.M. Made sail and headed for Fishers Straits
At Noon wind increasing and rainy, working through the Straits
7 P.M. wind hauling ahead, running out of the Straits again.
At 12 P.M blowing a moderate gale

Aug. 24th

Thick fog, and a very heavy sea running from the South, with a moderate wind from S.W. keeping all sail on possible working around the West end of Coats Island.
At Noon weather clearing some.
Latter part strong breeze from W. W.

1899.

On the passage to New Bedford.

Aug. 25th

Comes in with fine weather and a moderate S. W. wind
At daylight Coats Island to the S. of us distant about 10 miles At 11 A.M. passed Cape Pembroke. and shaped our course for Diggers
Latter part Strong wind from South and thick fog. At 10 P.M stopped for daylight Set up Fly-jib stay to day also sent down the crowsnest

Aug. 26th

A fair day with a moderate wind from W. At 1 on forenoon passed Diggers. and shaped our course for. Charles Island.
At 7 P.M Charles Island bearing E by S distant 15 miles.

Aug. 27th

At 5 A.M wind hauled to S.E with rain and thick weather.
At 1 P.M hauled again to N.E. and blowing strong. all day.

Aug. 28th

At 1 A.M. wind hauled to N. W. the vessel running before it.
Latter part of the day wind light and considerable ice. at dark hauled aback for daylight.

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Aug. 29th

At 4 A.M made sail and kept on our course working through the ice.
4 P.M. wind S.E. and fog. so made fast to the ice for the Night.

Aug. 30th

Commence in with a fog and a fresh N.W. wind at 1 A.M. started on our course again working through loose ice all day.
At 2 P.M Resolution Island to the N. of us distant 10 miles.
At 6 P.M calm so could not get out of the straits to-day.
8 A.M. light S.E wind. the vessel hauled aback waiting for daylight.

Aug. 31st.

Commence in with a moderate S.E. wind with rain.
At 7 A.M. wind hauled to South. and at 10 A.M. we passed by the E. end of Resolution Island, considerable heavy ice all along at the mouth of the Straits

Resolution Island

On the passage to New Bedford.

Sept. 1st.

At 2 A.M the wind hauled to N W with a thick fog.
Saw several ice bergs to-day
Blowing fresh in the middle part
Latter part rain
Steering S by E and S. by W.

Sept. 2nd

Strong wind from the North with fog squalls in the morning
Middle part weather clearing
Latter part wind South and squally.
Steering S. S. W. when possible.

Sept 3rd.

Commence in with a moderate wind from the North later hauling to N. E and rain in afternoon
At 6 P.M. wind hauling to E. S. E.
Steering S. W.
Capt. Conner below sick to-day.

Sept 4th.

Blowing a heavy gale from the North all sail set possible running before it
At 9 P.M. raised the land close to us. & so hove to for daylight
At midnight, weather moderating some but a heavy sea running.
Saw several icebergs
The land seen was about 20 N of the entrance to Belle Isle Straits.
Capt still very sick.

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Sept 5th.

Comes in with a strong wind from N.W. with hail-squalls
At 5 A.M kept off and ran down to the Straits of Belle Isle which we entered at 8 A.M
Middle part. Spoke the British Steamer Manchester Trader, of Manchester Eng. which we went alongside of for assistance, for Capt Conner.
At 3 P.M when about 10 miles inside of the Straits, the wind comming ahead, kept off again to go around New-foundland At dark Belle Island bearing N.N.W. distant 30 miles.
Capt not much better to-day.
Saw several steamers and coasters,
~~At 9 P.M. raised the land about 15 miles N. of Cape Charles and hove to until daylight~~

Sept. 6

Strong winds from the South, working tack and tack to the S.
Capt Conner very sick to-day

Sept. 7th

Comes in with a strong wind from N.E. and heavy rain. Later increasing to a gale the Schr. running before it steering S.W. by S.
At 11 P.M hove-to and reefd Foresail
At 12 P.M. kept off again and ran to the South.
Capt Conner still sick but a little better.

1899.

On the passage to New Bedford

Sept. 8th.

Commes in with a strong N.W. wind at 1 A.M. saw the lights ashore at St Johns and at Cape Spear. (N.F.) Middle part wind light and from the S.W.
Latter part strong wind from the West. Cape Race bearing at 6 o'clock P.M. N by W. 35 miles
Capt Conner still sick.

Sept. 9th.

Commes in with moderate wind from the S.W. and rain.
Middle Part calm, but a heavy swell running.
Knocked off new topmast back-stays to-day
Latter part light air from West.
Capt Conner still sick

Lat. 45.. 58 N.
Long. 53.. 52 W.

Sept. 10th

Commes in with a light wind from N.E.
Middle part calm, at 12 M. breeze sprung up from the N. and clear.
Steering N.W. by W when possible, at dark a fresh wind from North
Capt Conner much better to-day.

Lat. 45.. 32 N.
Long. 54.. 56 W.

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Sept. 11th

Comes in with a light wind from East. All sail set steering W by N. Saw several fishing vessels to-day bound to the South.
Capt Conner much better and on deck to-day.
Latter part fresh wind from same quarter.
At 7 P.M. Sable Island W.S.W. distant about 90 miles.

Sept 12th.

Comes in with a strong breeze from the E.N.E, and rain, and fog.
Saw a Schooner and a Steamer both heading to the N.E.
Latter part calm.

Sept. 13th.

Light airs from the South, and East, and calms with fog all day and a heavy swell from the South.
At 2 P.M. a steamer passed us bound to the Westward, named the Tropea.

Sept. 14th.

Comes in with a thick fog and a light wind from the North in the Middle part weather clearing and wind hauling to W.N.W. At sunset a strong wind from W.N.W. carried away the Eye-bolt to fly jib stay.
Saw 2 vessels to day.

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On the passage to New Bedford.

Sept. 15th

Commences in with a strong wind from W. N. W.
At daylight put a new eye-bolt in and set up Fly-jib-stay.
Unbent the Main sail and repaired it to-day.
Saw 2 vessels to day.

Sept. 16th.

Commences in with a moderate wind from N. N. E.
Employed airing our Muck ox skins and stowing them away
A very fine day to-day.
At dark wind very light and from the East.

Sept. 17th.

Light airs and calms all day.
At 6 P.M wind hauling to West.
South Shoal Light-Ship Bearing West distant 90 miles.
Saw several steamers to-day.

Sept. 18th.

Commences in with a light wind from South at Noon hauling to S.W. the vessel heading for South Shoal light-ship, so kept off for Pollock Rip when the wind hauled, made the Light-ship at 7 P.M and tacked off shore to lay until daylight.
Pollock Rips bearing N W by W. 5 miles

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Comes in with a light wind from S.S.W. and a thick fog. The Schr. laying aback off Pollock Rip.
At 2 P.M saw the Great Round Shoal Bouy and shaped our course over the shoals. but the weather comming thicker again, and finding shoal water we ran outside again
At dark Pollock Rip Light Ship bearing West. distant about 10 miles.

Sept. 20th

Comes in with a fresh wind from S.E. at 2. A.M passed the Pollock Rip Light ship and went across the Shoals
At 8 A.M strong S.E. wind and rain, and fog. dropped our anchor at Vineyard Haven.
At Noon weather moderating and wind hauling to the Westward.
At 8 P.M tug S.C. Hart came from New Bedford to tow us up

Sept 21st

At 2.30 A M took our anchor and towed to New Bedford where we arrived at 6.45 A.M. so ends the voyage of Schr. Era.

1899.

Stores left at Cape Fullerton by Era.

Aug. 22nd.

7 Coils Towline
7 Boxes Soap.
7 Sheets copper (been used)
4 Boxes Pipes.
1 " Lamp chimneys.
1 Grind-stone.
Blacksmith forge 1/2 bbl sea-coal.
4 Yellow pine boards.
1 New Boat-mast and boom.
1 Old " "
Old oars. (very poor)
1 " Boat. Mast, Sail, oars.
Snow Poles.
Window Frames.
4 Casks. Coal.
8 Tierces Molasses.
11 Empty Casks.
1 Cask Scraps.
1 Bbl Books and Papers.
75 lbs Rivets.
4 Shovels.
Lime and Provision boxes.
2 Flat bottom boats
1 Box Spices 1 Box oil of Spruce